

Today's People's Popular Messengers will deliver Xmas Pleasure to many who have thought they were overlooked.

Let a Want Ad Be Your Santa Claus!

DOCTOR, CONVICTED AS QUACK, SHOOTS LAWYER AND SELF

Frank Klimek, Fined \$200, Visits Chicago Office of Charles Alling, Attorney for State Health Board, and Fires After Demanding Leniency.

WOUNDS ASSISTANT WHO TRIED TO AID

Alling's Eye Is Destroyed and Injury Is Serious—Assailant May Die—Clients in Room Were to Startled to Interfere.

CHICAGO, Dec. 24.—An attempt on the life of Charles Alling Jr., former Alderman and now attorney for the State Board of Health, was made today by an alleged quack medical practitioner, Frank Klimek, who then turned his pistol on himself. P. H. Schwab, an assistant to Mr. Alling, was slightly wounded.

Alling was shot in the eye and lost consciousness. A physician who was called in could not tell from a surface examination whether the wound would prove fatal. Klimek will die, it is reported.

The shooting occurred in Alling's office in the presence of a number of clients and grew out of the prosecution of Klimek for practicing medicine without a license. The prosecution was begun by the State Board of Health, represented by Alling and Schwab as counsel.

Klimek was fined \$200. Today he called on Alling with reference to the case, asking that Alling try to get the fine reduced, as Klimek said he was destitute and would have to serve out the time in the workhouse.

Alling replied that he would use his good offices and would recommend that the fine be reduced to \$100.

"You don't need to do that," said Klimek, "because I have to go to jail, anyway—I haven't got any."

Alling was about to reply when Klimek drew his pistol and fired. Schwab rushed forward, but was stunned for a moment by a second bullet which grazed his head. Klimek then fired a bullet into his own side.

The shooting occurred so suddenly that several clients who were in the office had no time to interfere. Alling staggered into an adjoining office whence he was removed to St. Luke's Hospital.

Had Been Active Against Quacks. Mr. Alling was born at Madison, Ind., Dec. 16, 1865. He was graduated from Hanover (Ind.) College in 1886 and was graduated from the law department of the University of Michigan in 1888, when he began the practice of law in Chicago.

In the course of his career as an Alderman he arose to marked local prominence and was a member of the most important committees of the Council.

He was Judge Advocate of the First Brigade, I. N. G., a deacon of the First Presbyterian Church and past grand president of Sigm. Chi. Fraternity. As attorney for the State Board of Health he has been active in the prosecution of alleged quack doctors. He is a bachelor.

\$5,000,000 IN NEW COINS IN CIRCULATION

Treasury Drained of 1913 Money to Be Used as Christmas Presents.

WASHINGTON, Dec. 24.—More than \$5,000,000 worth of bright new gold and silver pieces of 1913 mintage, most of which will find its way into Christmas stockings tomorrow morning, has been distributed by the Treasury this month to the banks throughout the country.

But there is one 1913 coin which no one will receive. It is the 50-cent piece. None were minted this year because the supply on hand was ample to take care of all calls for that denomination. Attention was called by Treasury officials to the fact that the 50-cent piece is losing in popularity, because of the ease with which error in change is made. It is believed that in time the 50-cent piece may go out altogether.

Since Dec. 1 there has been a constant call on the Treasury for new money which banks and merchants all over the country want for their patrons.

BARS LIQUOR AS BAGGAGE

Texas Will Be Deprived of Christmas Eggnog.

AUSTIN, Tex., Dec. 24.—Christmas eggnog in Texas received a severe blow today when the Attorney-General ordered that home-brewed travelers should not take intoxicating liquor as baggage into dry territory. "Personal baggage," it was held, was the only means of transportation permitted by law.

The decision was given in the case of a passenger who checked a trunk containing a "fair sized" amount of eggnog. The railroad refused to carry the trunk.

You can HUNT those vacant rooms in the least delay through Post-Dispatch Wants.

A Christmas Present

In accordance with the custom long ago established by the Post-Dispatch, every newsboy and carrier regularly selling the Post-Dispatch will be furnished with his usual number of copies of

Today's Post-Dispatch Free

This will be the Christmas gift of the Post-Dispatch to the army of its selling merchants. You pay as usual, but they do not.

SICK MAN DIES PLAYING SANTA TO A POOR BOY

Philanthropist, Near the End Diso's Doctor, Succumbs After Exposure.

DENVER, Colo., Dec. 24.—Wilbur Harris, 8 years old and lame, son of a poor woman, will have the biggest and the happiest Christmas he ever knew. He will not be told that the Paterson, N. J., philanthropist who directed Santa Claus to his home is dead.

W. H. Harris of Paterson came to Denver in the last stage of tuberculosis. He did not have long to live and his physician ordered him to keep in bed at home. But he heard that Mrs. Harris, without means, had told Wilbur that he was Santa Claus for poor children, and, disobeying his doctor, he drove to a store in his automobile and bought a lot of presents for Wilbur.

He then set out to deliver them but the snow near Wilbur's home was too deep for the automobile and Harris took the presents in his arms and waded through the drifts to Wilbur's home.

At Mrs. Harris' door he began to cough violently and almost collapsed. Mrs. Harris supported him to the auto. He was hurried home and doctors were called, but the physicians found him dead. He had not had long to live and he had given that little while in his effort to make a poor boy happy.

Formerly, Harris was a Santa Claus in a sled, a train of cars, clothes, rubbers and candy—and his mother will admit that after all there is a Santa Claus for a poor boy.

REFUSES TO SENTENCE MAN ON CHRISTMAS EVE

Judge Dyer Permits Prisoner Who Stole Sack of Sugar to Join Family.

"We're not running this court on suspicion and, besides, I'm not going to sentence any man on Christmas eve," declared Judge Dyer Wednesday in the case of John Manor, who was indicted by the grand jury for stealing a 100-pound sack of sugar from a railroad car Nov. 17 last.

Manor, who is a switchman for the Terminal Railroad Association, admitted the theft and Wednesday morning pleaded for leniency through his attorney, A. M. Frumberg. The judge's assent came when E. R. Hines, special agent for the Terminal, testified that Manor had been under supervision before, although he had never been accused.

Judge Dyer told the prisoner his bond would be continued and to join his wife and little daughter, who is suffering with diphtheria, at Eagleville, Mo., for Christmas, and return for sentence Jan. 20.

CARNEGIE SENDS GIFTS TO DANIELS AND GARRISON

Cartoons Satirizing War With Plea for Peace His Remembrance to Secretaries.

WASHINGTON, Dec. 24.—Secretary Daniels and Garrison found on their desks today Christmas gifts from Andrew Carnegie.

Recently published cartoon, satirizing war with a plea for international peace, was the Iron Master's remembrance to the heads of the two departments of national defense.

MAYOR IS SANTA CLAUS

Edwardsville Executive Personally Pays Salaries.

Mayor Mudge of Edwardsville paid Santa Claus Wednesday by sending personal salary checks to all the city officials. The Council meets the first Tuesday of every month and approves the salary schedule. As it could not legally hold a special session for this purpose, there was a prospect that the officials would have no money to spend for Christmas.

The Council is expected to reimburse the Mayor at its regular meeting in January.

TWINS A CHRISTMAS GIFT

Indian Father of Fourth Pair in Eleven Years.

EVANSVILLE, Ind., Dec. 24.—The wife of Emmett Desaley today presented him with boy twins and Desaley says they beat any other Christmas gift he could have received. The twins weigh six pounds each. They are the fourth set of twins born to Mrs. Desaley in 11 years.

88 Gold Pieces for House Pagers. WASHINGTON, Dec. 24.—New 88 gold pieces have been presented to each of the 88 House pages at Christmas gifts by Representative Farr of Pennsylvania.

FIRM'S COLLECTOR MISSING; ACCOUNTS ARE SHORT \$1800

Employee of Bagnell Timber Co., Disappeared After Asking Day Off to Be Married.

REWARD OF \$100 OFFERED

Leo Wastler's Arrest Asked by Company After Accountants Report a Shortage.

William Bagnell, president of the Bagnell Timber Co., with offices in the Title Guaranty Building, is seeking Leo Wastler, for seven years a confidential clerk of the company. Two days after Wastler's disappearance, accountants discovered that collections amounting to \$1800 were missing. Bagnell informed the police.

Wastler Dec. 6 asked for a day's vacation, saying that he was to go to Alton to be married. When he did not return at the end of two days, Bagnell caused an examination of the books to be made. The fact that \$1800 was missing was then discovered.

Bagnell conducted a quiet search for Wastler for nearly two weeks before notifying the police, and then being unable to find trace of him, gave official notice through the Circuit Attorney's office that he would pay a reward of \$100 for his arrest.

The reward notice, posted by Chief Young, states Wastler is 35 years old, is stoop-shouldered and has a dark complexion. He has a white spot about the size of a nickel over his right ear. He has heavy eyebrows. A dagger and heart are tattooed on one arm, and a sailor with initials "L. W." on the other.

Wastler resided at 325A Hurphrey street. When Wastler asked for a leave of absence for his wedding, Bagnell says his suspicion was not aroused. It had been Wastler's duty, Bagnell said, to collect rents of houses owned by Bagnell and to deposit the money in the bank himself.

When Wastler failed to return Bagnell sent out another man to make collections. It was then learned that Wastler had collected rents of houses owned by Bagnell but had made no deposits or records of his collections.

TRAIN KILLS 3 PERSONS DELIVERING PRESENTS

Wagon Laden With Christmas Gifts Hit at Grade Crossing at Hammond, N. J.

HAMMONTON, N. J., Dec. 24.—Three persons were killed at a grade crossing here today when a Reading railway express train struck a wagon loaded with Christmas presents.

The train, which was headed by a locomotive, was crossing the tracks when it struck the wagon, which was being pulled by a horse. The driver, Milton Dilger, was killed. Two other persons, a young man and a woman, were also killed.

The train was carrying a large number of Christmas packages and was traveling at a high speed. The accident occurred at a busy grade crossing in Hammond, N. J.

BOY SANTA CLAUS BURNED

Candle Fires Costume at Entertainment at Galesburg, Ill.

GALESBURG, Ill., Dec. 24.—The first Christmas tree fire in Illinois, if not in the country, occurred here last night when Glen Sparks, the 13-year-old Santa Claus of a school entertainment, was seriously burned.

Sparks' costume caught fire from a candle on the Christmas tree and when adults in the audience were smothering the flames the excited children attending the entertainment ran screaming from the place.

SNOW TONIGHT AND PROBABLY CHRISTMAS

THE TEMPERATURES.

24 a. m. -35 10 a. m. -30 2 p. m. -25 4 p. m. -20 6 p. m. -15 8 p. m. -10 10 p. m. -5

Yesterday's Temperature. High, 35 at 3 p. m. Low, 22 at 5 a. m.

THEY COULDN'T FLAG ELLA FLAG YOUNG.

"Did you send my fur-trimmed suit to the tailor to be pressed?" asked Santa Claus.

"My dear, I'm sorry, but I forgot all about it," said Mrs. Santa Claus.

"You knew I'd want to wear it to-night, didn't you?"

"Yes, my dear, but I've been so busy shopping that I never could think of it."

"That's just my luck. Here's the one night in the year that I have a chance to shine and my suit isn't pressed."

"I'm awfully sorry, my dear, but you know it would get all messed up anyway in those chimneys."

Official forecast for St. Louis and vicinity: Snow tonight and probably tomorrow; the lowest temperature tonight will be about 25 degrees; colder tomorrow; colder tomorrow in the north portion.

Christmas Dinners for 2500 Homes Tree and Gifts for 12,000 Children

SCENES at the Kinloch Building showing some merry workers who helped to pack baskets for the Post-Dispatch Christmas Festival and part of the results of their cheery and uncomplaining efforts.



INSPECTING BASKETS TO SEE THAT ALL HAVE SAME AMOUNT.

A BLOCK OF FILLED BASKETS.

NEGRESS, FREED OF A MURDER CHARGE, HUGS HER LAWYER

She's 'Ticked Nearly to Death' and Gives Sam D. Hodgdon a Good Squeeze.

Mary Carr, a negress, was "ticked nearly to death," as she expressed it when she realized, Tuesday afternoon, that she was free of a charge of murdering her husband and in turn, her attorney, Sam D. Hodgdon, State Representative from the Second District, was pretty nearly squeezed to death.

The negress did not fully realize that Justice Beidling in Webster had freed her, and sat with a vacant stare until a negro suggested that she go home.

"I'm free, Judge," she asked. Receiving an affirmative answer, she leaped from her chair and began screaming, dancing and throwing her arms about.

Hodgdon was the closest white man to her, and, according to several witnesses, she enfolded him in her arms.

The negress is a powerful woman. She danced the lawyer around the floor and, despite his struggles to obtain his freedom, Marshal Fred Knickman and Deputy Constable Stevens went to his assistance and pulled the woman away, endeavoring to tell her that she was in danger of contempt. Her cries of joy could be heard on the street outside.

As Hodgdon made a hurried exit, the negress started toward Justice Beidling, but he, dropping judicial dignity for the moment, rushed from the room and escaped an embrace.

TENDERS \$500,000 NOTES FOR CHRISTMAS PARDON

D. H. Tolman, Money Lender, Offers Governor Collateral, to Be Burned if He Is Freed.

ALBANY, N. Y., Dec. 24.—Friends, relatives, former employees and attorneys of D. H. Tolman, convicted money lender, now serving six months' sentence on Hart Island, besieged the executive chamber here today to solicit a Christmas pardon for him.

The Governor said he would grant an interview late in the day.

Tolman's attorneys brought \$500,000 in notes with them to the capital and offered to burn them in the executive chamber if a pardon were granted. Inquiry by the Governor proved that while the notes would be burned, Tolman would reserve the right to sue on some of them.

PAGES MARSHALL GUESTS

WASHINGTON, Dec. 24.—Vice-President Marshall was host by proxy today at a dinner to 15 new boys of the Senate.

Edwin A. Halsey, chief of the pages, sat at the head of the table in place of the Vice-President, who had left Washington for Indianapolis.

The boys received many Christmas remembrances from Senators. Senator Marlin gave money and Senator Chilton gave a knife to each one.

Post-Dispatch Festival Opens With Distribution of Baskets for Fireside Feasts—Santa Claus to Supervise Coliseum Program Thursday.

Everything is in readiness for the Fourteenth Post-Dispatch Christmas Festival, which is to provide Christmas dinners for 2500 families and Christmas gifts and Christmas cheer for 12,000 children at the Coliseum.

The Christmas dinner baskets are being distributed at the Kinloch Building, Tenth and Locust streets. Members of the Distribution Committee, of which Louis Nolte is chairman and Edward Nolte vice-chairman, were at the distributing station at daylight getting everything in readiness for the rush.

No definite hour had been set for the beginning of the distribution. The committee went on the theory that the work was to be begun the sooner it would be ended. The first early comers found the committee ready for them.

When the card holders increased in numbers they were formed in line. There was not the slightest confusion. Perfect system has been worked out of years of experience.

Chickens and Bread East. As each person entered he received a basket with everything in it except the chickens and bread. In order that these might be perfectly fresh, they were not delivered at the building until Wednesday morning. No attempt was made to place the chickens and bread in the baskets. Instead, as each person received a basket he passed by where the chickens and bread had been stacked and these were then placed in the baskets. Finally a clean sheet of paper was tucked over the contents of the baskets and the person who received them were sent on their way with a "Merry Christmas."

Each of the 2500 baskets distributed contained:

- 1 can tomatoes.
- 1 can soup.
- 1 lb. coffee.
- 1/2 pt. potatoes.
- Onions.
- 1 lb. dried peaches.
- 1 lb. beans.
- 1 lb. rice.
- 1 lb. sugar.
- 1 lb. candy.
- 2 loaves bread.

Chickens 1 to 3, according to size of family.

1 Post-Dispatch Christmas card.

The first big event on the program Christmas day will be the fireside Christmas dinners in 2500 homes, to which upwards of 12,000 persons will sit down.

The managers of the festival, after consideration based on the experience of former years, decided that the greatest good was to be accomplished by the Christmas dinner by distributing it to families and giving them an opportunity to enjoy it in their own homes.

Coliseum Doors Open at Noon. It will be an early dinner because children from most of the homes have also received invitations to the festival and circus at the Coliseum and will want to be on their way early, so as to be there when the doors are opened. This will be at 12 o'clock.

The doors will remain open until 1:45, when they will be closed, and after that it will not be possible to get in.

Almost immediately after the doors are closed a blast of trumpets will announce the coming of Santa Claus at the head of the Rhoda Royal circus troupe.

The big Christmas tree will suddenly

20 LUMBER FIRMS FINED \$436,000 AND OUSTED FROM STATE

Missouri Supreme Court Issues Decree in Cases of Violation of Anti-Trust Statutes.

DOUSTER SUSPENDED IF THEY PAY UP, OBEY LAW

Charge of Illegal Agreement to Control Prices and Limit Production Was Sustained in a Report to Court by Commissioner—Suits Were Begun by Hadley.

Special to the Post-Dispatch.

JEFFERSON CITY, Dec. 24.—The Supreme Court in banc today handed down a decision ousting 20 big lumber companies which were sued by former Attorney-General Hadley for alleged violation of the anti-trust laws, and fine the companies an aggregate of \$436,000. The decision was rendered by Judge Farris. The cases have been under consideration for about one year. They were argued by John M. Atkinson, Assistant Attorney-General, early in January of last year.

The court ousted the following companies and imposed fines as follows:

- Alt. Bennett Lumber Co., ousted and fined \$24,000.
- Bowman-Hicks Lumber Co., ousted and fined \$10,000.
- Bradley Lumber Co., ousted and fined \$24,000.
- Calcutt Long Leaf Lumber Co., ousted and fined \$24,000.
- Colonial Lumber & Timber Co., ousted and fined \$10,000.
- Central Coal & Coke Co., ousted and fined \$24,000.
- Easton Lumber Co., ousted and fined \$24,000.
- George W. Miles Timber and Lumber Co., ousted and fined \$10,000.
- Grayson-McLeod Lumber Co., ousted and fined \$24,000.
- Hogg-Harris Lumber Co., ousted and fined \$24,000.
- Lehigh Lumber Co., ousted and fined \$24,000.
- Long-Bell Lumber Co., ousted and fined \$24,000.
- Lewis Warner Sawmill Co., ousted and fined \$24,000.
- Lufkin Land and Lumber Co., ousted and fined \$24,000.
- Missouri Land and Lumber Exchange Co., ousted and fined \$24,000.
- Missouri Lumber and Mining Co., ousted and fined \$24,000.
- The Olan Lumber Co., ousted and fined \$24,000.
- Van Cleave Lumber Co., ousted and fined \$24,000.

Suspension of Ousters. The court revoked the license of the Arkansas Lumber Co. and fined it \$24,000. It also revoked the licenses of the following other foreign corporations and fined them as follows:

- Chicago Lumber and Coal Co., \$24,000.
- The Dierkes Lumber and Coal Co., \$24,000.
- Freeman Smith Lumber Co., \$24,000.

The court suspended its decree of ouster against the 20 companies first listed upon condition they pay the fines imposed and thereafter obey the anti-trust laws of the State.

The court gave the companies only 30 days in which to pay their fines. If they fail to pay the orders of ouster will be made absolute.

Hadley Begins the Suits. The suits against the lumber companies were filed in 1907 by former Attorney-General Hadley, who was acting in concert with the Attorney-General of Kansas, Oklahoma and Texas. Similar suits were filed the same day against the lumber companies in Kansas and later suits were filed against the companies doing business in Oklahoma and Texas.

The general charges against the lumber companies, which were contained in his report to the court, were that the lumber companies had entered into an illegal agreement to control the price and limit the production of lumber. The charges specifically were sustained and resulted in the report of Special Commissioner Reynolds, filed with the court July 21, 1912.

He found that the lumber companies had violated the law in these respects:

1. By issuing a price list committee, and using what was known as an association price list.
2. By the members of the association curtailing the output of lumber in the years 1904 and 1905 for the purpose of increasing the price of yellow pine lumber to the consumer.
3. By entering into what was known as the "joint trade relations agreement" in 1904 between the members of the Yellow Pine Manufacturers' Association and members of various retail dealers' associations, whereby the manufacturers and wholesalers agreed to sell only to certain retail dealers who were regarded as legitimate dealers and the retailers thereby agreeing to buy from the members of the Yellow Pine Manufacturers' Association.
4. By certain practices known as trade ethics, practices by members of the Yellow Pine Manufacturers' Association, while also acting as members of the Southwestern Retail Dealers' Association, in blacklisting certain retailers known as "poachers," who did not obey the trade ethics, dividing territory where retailers could not legitimately make sales within the trade ethics, and in refusing to sell to consumers in carload lots and co-operative stores.

Major Had Part in Suit. Before the suits were filed Hadley, and representatives of the Attorney-General of Kansas, Texas and Oklahoma took evidence in St. Louis covering the operations and practices of the companies. The legal representatives of the four states came to the conclusion that the law had been violated, and decided to take action against the lumber dealers engaged in the yellow pine lumber industry.

The evidence tended to show that the so-called yellow pine lumber trust had limited the production of yellow pine lumber for the purpose of increasing the price to consumers. This allegation was found to be true by the Supreme Court Commissioner.

The case had not been complicated when Hadley retired from the office of Attorney-General to become Governor. Former Attorney-General Major, now Governor, with former Assistant Attorney-General John H. Atkinson, spent 13 months taking testimony in the case and presenting the facts and arguments to the court.

DOCTOR AND STUDENT NOT GUILTY OF GIRL'S MURDER

Jury Frees Young Porto Rican and Physician Held After Operation.

CLINTON, Ill. Dec. 24.—A jury, after being out 13 hours today, returned a verdict of not guilty in the case of Dr. E. J. Price of Clinton and Angel Gaudin, a young Porto Rican, who were charged with the murder of Miss Margherita Trainor of Ottawa, Ill.

Miss Trainor and Gaudin were students at the University of Illinois at Urbana. She died in Clinton, just five months ago today, after an operation.

BURGARS STEAL SAFE

JAMESVILLE, N. Y., Dec. 24.—Burgars pried open the back door of the Lackawanna Railroad station here early today and carried away the safe on a handcar. There was \$75,000 in money in the safe because the attack was anticipated by the station agent, T. B. Grace.

"Because of their activity in this vicinity recently, we expected we would be visited by the safe robbers," said Mr. Grace, "and deposited our valuables elsewhere."

WORK IS STARTED TO PUT CURRENCY LAW INTO EFFECT

Secretaries Houston and Mac-
Adoo to Select Cities for Re-
gional Reserve Banks.

OPERATING BOARD LATER

Assemblage Applauds When
President Affixes His Signa-
ture to the Bill.

By Associated Press.
WASHINGTON, Dec. 24.—With all the power of a law fresh from the pen of President Wilson behind them, Secretary McAdoo and Secretary Houston today began working out the details of the nation's new financial system.

The two cabinet members, acting as an organization committee, will determine the important preliminary moves to the actual installation of the machinery that is to operate the Federal reserve system.

Two secretaries to act.
Although the law provides that the two secretaries shall join with the Comptroller of the Currency in the preliminary work of reorganization, the office of Comptroller is vacant and it has been decided that the two secretaries, constituting a majority of the committee, may go ahead.

Later the members of the Federal Reserve Board of seven will be named by President Wilson. The Secretary of the Treasury and the new Comptroller will be members of that body and the other five will be chosen from private life. If President Wilson finally has made his selection for those five places, it is not known here.

The first thing to be taken up by the secretaries will be the selection of cities where Federal reserve banks, the backbone of the system, are to be located. The law provides for not less than eight, and not more than 12. The Organization Committee is empowered to employ counsel and summon witnesses and papers to go deeply into the question of the location of the reserve banks. Its decision is not subject to review by the Federal Reserve Board.

May Visit Candidate Cities.
It is possible that before the question of cities is decided, the Organization Committee will visit cities suggested and base its report on information gained at first hand.

Cities that hardly could be kept off a tentative list would include New York, Chicago, St. Louis, San Francisco and New Orleans, with Denver, Atlanta and Seattle or Portland, Ore., near the top. Philadelphia, Baltimore, Washington, Boston and several others are asking for designation.

The Organization Committee is empowered to prescribe regulations for membership in the system. Applications from all over the country have been flying into the Treasury for several days. An unusual flow, however, arrived today and one of the first duties of the committee will be promulgation of rules for their acceptance. National banks have 90 days in which to file applications, but, under the law, can remain in existence for one year without joining the system.

Scene at Signing of Bill.
The scene at the signing of the currency bill by President Wilson was not unlike that which attended the completion of the tariff law. The conference report on the bill which had passed the House Monday night by an overwhelming vote, was likewise adopted by the Senate Tuesday afternoon by a vote of 85 to 15, several Republicans voting again with the Democrats. The bill was signed by the President at 5 o'clock.

By 5 o'clock, the hour set for the ceremony, Speaker Clark, Representatives Underwood, Senator Owen and Representative Glass, Secretaries McAdoo, Garrison, Daniel, Lane and Wilson and Postmaster-General Burleson were grouped around the President's desk in front of him crowded members of Congress and many Government officials. The group also included Mrs. Wilson and her daughters, Miss McAdoo and Mrs. Owen. There was an atmosphere of joyousness rather than solemnity apparent. The President inquired if Senator James had come. The husky form of the Kentucky Senator appeared from behind the crowd and someone remarked:

"A majority of the Senate has now arrived."

Four Gold Pens Are Used.
Four gold pens were used by the President in writing the bill into law. He wrote the words "December 23, 1913, approved," with one and used three pens in writing "Woodrow Wilson" in the first name into two syllables. The last three pens he presented to Senator Owen, Representative Glass and Secretary McAdoo, co-authors of the measure. The President answered the courtesy of the crowd as to the disposition of the fourth with the laughing remark:

"This is the 40 per cent gold reserve."

Later it developed that Senator Chilton of West Virginia had sent up a gold pen of his own to be used in writing the date of the law. The President was in a happy humor as he slowly wrote his name.

"I'm not accustomed," he said, "to write my name in a series."

"Well, the bill was made in installments," suggested Senator Lewis of Illinois.

"Isn't that a reflection on the Senate?" inquired Representative Glass, with a laugh.

Senator Lewis' retort was lost in the applause that followed the completion of the President's signature as he rose from his desk.

The President paid tribute to the heads of the two congressional committees by writing a letter to each. To Representative Glass he wrote:

"May I not express my admiration for the way in which you have carried the fight for this very important and extraordinarily successful issue? I hope and believe that the whole country appreciates the work you have done."

President Says Currency Bill Begins Constructive Lawmaking

WASHINGTON, Dec. 24.

PRESIDENT WILSON'S remarks to the party assembled to witness the signing of the currency bill, late Tuesday, while extemporaneous, are taken by party leaders as a studied expression of his views on the measure, and his hopes for it. He said:

"I need not tell you that I feel a very deep gratification at being able to sign this bill and I feel that I ought to express very heartily the admiration I have for the men who have made it possible for me to sign this bill. There have been currents and counter currents, but the stream has moved forward."

Comments the Leaders.
I think that we owe special admiration to the patience and the leadership and the skill and the force of the chairmen of the two committees; and behind them have stood the committees themselves exercising a degree of scrutiny and careful thought in this matter, which undoubtedly has resulted to the benefit of the bill itself. There has been a great deal of work done in this business and the great piece of business which preceded it, evidence of teamwork that to my mind have been very notable indeed."

Only constructive action, only the action which accomplishes something fills men with the enthusiasm of co-operation, and I think that at this session of Congress we have witnessed an accumulating pleasure and enthusiasm on the part of the membership of both houses in seeing substantial and lasting things accomplished."

It is a matter of real gratification to me that in the case of this bill, there should have been a considerable number of Republican votes cast for it. All great measures under our system of government are of necessity party measures, for the party of the majority is responsible for their origination and their passage."

Not a Partisan Measure.

But this cannot be called a partisan measure. It has been relieved of all intimation of that sort by the cordial co-operation of men on the other side of two houses who have acted with us and have given very substantial reasons and very intelligent reasons for acting with us. So that I think we can go home with the feeling that we are in better spirits for public service than we were, even when we convened in April."

As for the bill itself, I feel we can say it is the first of a series of constructive measures by which the Democratic party will show that it knows how to serve the country. In calling it the first of a series of conservative measures I need not say that I am casting no reflections on the great tariff bill which preceded it. The tariff bill was meant to remove those impediments to American industry and prosperity which had so long stood in their way. It was a great piece of preparation for the achievements of American industry which are certain to follow."

Then there came upon the heel of it this bill, which furnishes the machinery for free and elastic and uncontrolled credit, put at the disposal of the merchants and manufacturers of this country for the first time in 50 years. I was refreshing my memory on the passage of the national bank act, which came in 1863 and in June of 1864. It is just 50 years ago since that measure, suitable for that time, was passed, and it has taken us more than a gen-

eration and a half to come to an understanding as to the readjustments which were necessary for our own time. But we have reached those readjustments."

Action Replies to Critics.
I have always felt when the Democratic party was criticized as not knowing how to serve the business interests of the country that there was no use of replying to that in words. The only satisfactory reply was in action. We have written the first chapter of that reply."

We are greatly favored by the circumstances of our time. We come at the end of a day of contest, at the end of a day when we have been scrutinizing the processes of our business, scrutinizing them with critical and, sometimes, with hostile eyes. We have slowly been coming to this line which has now happily arrived, when there is a common recognition of the things that it is undesired should be done in business and the things that it is desirable should be done. We are proceeding to do now is to organize our peace, is to make our prosperity not only stable but free to have an unimpeded momentum."

It is so obvious that it ought not need to be stated that nothing can be good for the country which is not good for all of the country. Nothing can be for the interest of the country which is not in the interest of everybody; therefore, the day of accommodation and of concession and of common understanding is the day of peace and achievement of necessity. We have come to the beginning of that day. We are no longer reaching the conclusions which the nation has arrived at as to the necessity of readjustments of its business. Business men of all sorts are showing their willingness to come into this arrangement which I venture to characterize as the constitution of peace. So that by common counsel and by the accumulating force of co-operation we are going to seek more and more to serve the country."

Surprised at Sudden Acceptance.

I have been surprised at the sudden acceptance of this measure by public opinion everywhere. I say surprised, because it seems as if it had suddenly become obvious to men who had looked at it with too critical an eye that it was really meant in their interest. They have opened their eyes to see a thing which they had supposed to be hostile to be friendly and serviceable—exactly what we intended it to be, and what we shall intend all our legislation to be."

The men who have fought for this measure have fought nobly. They have simply fought for those accommodations which are going to secure us in prosperity and in peace. No body can be the friend of any class in America in the midst of such the success of any other class. You can only be the friend of one class by showing it the lines by which it can accommodate itself to the other class. The lines of help are always the lines of accommodation."

It is in this spirit, therefore, that we are together tonight and I cannot say with what deep emotions of gratitude I feel that I have had a part in completing a work which I think will be of lasting benefit to the business of the country."

Something like its real value and I rejoice that you have so established yourself in its confidence."

He wrote to Senator Owen:

"Now that the fight has come to a successful issue, may I not extend to you my most sincere and heartfelt congratulations and also tell you how sincerely I admire the way in which you have conducted a very important and trying piece of business? The whole country owes you a debt of gratitude and admiration. It has been a pleasure to be associated with you in so great a piece of conservative legislation."

When the President concluded his speech there was a general reception and a round of handshaking. The President extended the compliments of the season to his visitors. When everybody had gone, he cleared his desk and sat thoughtfully for a minute. Presumably he walked to the corridor outside of his office.

"Where's Pat?" he inquired, and the individual addressed—Patrick McKenna, veteran doorkeeper—stepped forward, blushing with surprise, as the President seldom comes in the corridors. The doorkeeper looked up inquiringly.

"Merry Christmas, Pat," the President said, and he walked slowly over to the White House to arrange for his trip to Pass Christian, Miss.

JUST the right Christmas present—a diamond watch for the family, on credit terms, at Lott's Bros. & Co., 241 North 3rd St. Open tonight and tomorrow—Christmas.

\$700. IN JEWELRY STOLEN

Andrew Johnson, son of Jackson Johnson, president of the International Shoe Co., reported to the police Wednesday night that a suit case containing \$700 worth of jewelry was stolen from his residence, 3335 Berlin avenue, some time between 8 and 9 o'clock.

Johnson and his wife were preparing for a trip to Memphis, Tenn., and servants had moved about 20 suit cases from a room on the third floor to the reception hall downstairs. It is not known whether the missing suit case was taken from the upstairs room or the hall.

Stocks & Price Star, and Am. Co. Auction Room and Thurn, 125 Franklin.

Hitch Acquitted of Liquor Sales.

DANVILLE, Ill., Dec. 24.—United States Marshal Charles F. Hitch of Paris, one of former Speaker Cannon's political managers in the Eighteenth District, was yesterday acquitted of the charge of being connected with the illegal sale of liquors at an amusement park near that city.

Bad Blood

is a poisonous and dangerous thing. It affects every organ and function and brings about that low condition that predisposes to most diseases and ailments. HOOD'S SASSAPARILLA cures it, and makes pure blood.

BREADWINNER IN A HUMBLE HOME IS KILLED BY TRAIN

Man Going to Work After Getting Present From Wife Run Down in Yards.

Christmas was celebrated Tuesday afternoon in the home of Charles E. Kauffman, 1807 1/2 Chouteau avenue, employed in the baggage department at Union Station. Kauffman took home with him presents for his wife and children.

Mrs. Kauffman, who is employed in a restaurant at 15 a week, had carefully saved her money and had a present for her husband, an umbrella, which she gave him.

The family gathered at the supper table and talked of the struggles they had undergone since they came to St. Louis in April. Kauffman, a stationary engineer, had been unable to get a license in St. Louis, and had been working at such positions as he could get, studying when not working in hope that he soon could get the license.

He left the house at 5 p. m., taking the shortest way to his work across the railroad yards between his home and the station.

Missouri Pacific fast-mail No. 7 was backing into the yards, and he attempted to cross the tracks ahead of it. He was run over and killed.

News of his death was taken to Mrs. Kauffman at the restaurant on Eighteenth street, where she is employed.

There are four children in the family. Hazel, 20 years old, and Lucile, 15, are in Houston, Tex., the former home of the Kauffmans. The two at home are Karl, 14, and Henry, 8.

Hazel is a stenographer for an adding machine company, and is paying the expenses of her younger sister, Lucile, who is going to school. Mrs. Kauffman fears her small wage in the restaurant will not be able to provide necessities for herself and the two children in St. Louis, and that the money which has gone for an education for Lucile will be needed in the home.

STONE'S CURRENCY WORK

PAIRED BY PRESIDENT

President Sends Congratulations and Flowers to Sigmund

and Missouri Senator.

WASHINGTON, Dec. 24.—President Wilson paid signal honor last night to the efforts of Senator Stone of Missouri in bringing about the enactment of the currency law. The senior Senator from Missouri about 10 days ago was compelled to take to his bed, suffering from a severe attack of grip. He was not able to be present in the Senate to cast his vote in favor of the administration currency measure, although he had contributed his best efforts to its support.

Today President Wilson sent to the sick room a congratulatory note to Senator Stone, calling attention to the Senator's work in behalf of the currency bill and expressing his deepest regret that the Senator could not be at the White House when the bill was signed. The President's note was accompanied by a large box of flowers from the White House gardens.

Senator Stone, in replying to the message from the President, congratulated him upon the passage of the bill and felicitated the country upon the work of Congress.

over the Southern Railroad at 10:45 o'clock last night for Pass Christian, Miss., where the President will take a vacation of nearly three weeks. Accompanying the President's family were Miss Bones, a cousin of Mrs. Wilson, and Dr. Cary Grayson, the President's physician. A stenographer and a telegraph operator also went along.

The President purposes to spend the first 10 days at Pass Christian in resting and regaining his strength. The last few days of his stay there he will devote to writing his anti-trust message to Congress and selecting the personnel of the Federal Reserve Board.

President and Mrs. Wilson showed they were real "spuds" when they distributed about 150 turkeys among the employees of the White House. The birds, purchased in one lot for the President, averaged 13 pounds in weight. Every attaché of the mansion, executive offices, grounds and flower gardens was remembered.

To the more personal attaches other useful gifts were given.

Miss Eleanor Wilson, the youngest daughter of the President and Mrs. Wilson, loaded up one of the White House automobiles with toys and candy yesterday and drove out toward Brooklyn, Va. It was learned that Miss Wilson took the candy and toys to children living across the Potomac River and on the route to the Washington Country Club, where the President plays golf. Every day the President went to the links he passed through a settlement of poor white people, and the children of the settlement always greeted him.

Two Auto Trucks Carry Gifts of Will.

WASHINGTON, Dec. 24.—Christmas cheer went out from the White House today to hundreds of the needy in Washington by direction of the President and Mrs. Wilson and their daughters, Margaret and Eleanor. Before the President's family left for Mississippi last night deserving families in the capital had been listed for practical Christmas gifts. Many of those had been discovered by Mrs. Wilson and her daughters by personal investigation.

Accordingly two large automobile trucks left the White House early today, loaded with turkeys, hams, vegetables, cooked foods of many kinds, fruits and nuts and a glittering array of toys and knickknacks, for children of the poor. The entire day was taken up by White House attaches in making the deliveries.

The Wilsons left on a special train

Your dealer can now supply you with

SPRUCEWOOD

It's an

RED MAN BRAND

THE HIT OF THE SEASON

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POLICE INQUIRE HOW TAILORS GIVE AUTOS WITH SUITS

Detectives Get Chances on Cars and Turn Them Over to Assistant Prosecutor.

Persons in and around St. Louis who have received letters requesting them to join the Mutual Automobile Buyers' League, organized by the Princess Tailoring Co., room 201 Railway Exchange Building, have asked the Post-Dispatch about the league's offer to give an automobile each week to one purchaser of a \$30 suit, overcoat, gown or set of furs.

Investigation shows that the Princess Tailoring Co. is using the weekly St. Louis bank clearing totals, published in the daily newspapers, as a basis for the weekly "drawings" and that while the league has been in operation eight weeks there have been only two holders of "lucky numbers."

Explaining why there had been only two winners in eight weeks, Burger said that not enough customers had come in to fill a complete series from 000 to 999, and that in six of the eight weeks no one held a winning number. When the series is completed, he says, someone will win an automobile every week.

The police, it was learned, have been investigating the operations of the Princess Tailoring Co. for several days. Detective Wells, in charge of the gambling squad sent two detectives to the company's office. Each ordered a suit and obtained a numbered contract setting forth the terms of the automobile drawings. The detectives then placed the contracts in the hands of Assistant City Attorney Bishop who told them there probably would be a grand jury investigation of the company's methods.

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Each person who orders a suit or other garment to the value of \$30 agrees to pay \$1 a week for 30 weeks, at the end of which time, it is promised, he or she will receive the garment contracted for

and in addition will have a weekly chance to win a \$500 automobile.

Capital Stock \$9999.

The records at Jefferson City show the Princess Tailoring Co. was incorporated Dec. 7 last, with a capital stock of \$4000, the incorporators being Barney Lieberman, John Burger and J. Burger. The stated purpose of the company was to manufacture, buy and sell and deal in clothing. One-half the capital stock, it was recorded, had been paid in.

A man who introduced himself as Joseph Burger, a member of the company, told a reporter that the company is "giving away" automobiles as an advertisement. He said he didn't consider this a lottery because every holder of a numbered contract obtained full value for his money, whether he drew an automobile or not.

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HIS PRISONER OF LOVE BEGS TO DIE ON COUCH'S GRAVE

"Give Me Poison," Cries Woman Who Was Practical Slave of Lawyer 15 Years.

HER VOICE NEARLY LOST
Says She Talked in Low Tone So Long to Avoid Discovery She Can Only Whisper.

Special to the Post-Dispatch.
MONTICELLO, N. Y., Dec. 24.—They have buried Melvin H. Couch, former District Attorney of Sullivan County, respected to the day of his death, from his home here. As the three carriages followed the hearse through the streets on the way to Woodridge Cemetery, on the outskirts of town, a pale, haggard woman, with unkempt hair and sunken eyes, looked through the window of the jail, which is on a hill just back of the courthouse. This woman was Miss Adelaide M. Branch, who for 15 years, as developments show, had been Couch's practical slave and for nearly half that time his willing prisoner. Although for seven years she has lived in this village of 300, where everyone knows almost everyone else, no one has been found who remembers to have seen her until after Couch's death. In Monticello today she is as much a stranger as she was when first she came to the town 15 years ago to sell books.

Miss Branch could not see the funeral procession from the window of the jail, but she knew Couch was being taken to his grave, and she begged for her release so that she might go there and die by poison.

About 50 persons attended the service in the Couch residence, but not more than a dozen went to the grave. The snow was falling fast and drifting. The services, which were conducted by the Rev. A. J. Waugh of the First Presbyterian Church, were short. After the coffin was lowered into the grave, Mrs. Couch, the widow, and her daughter, Miss Louise, went slowly to their carriage and were driven home.

Dr. James F. Curtell, brother-in-law of Couch, on leaving the cemetery, went to the office of District Attorney George L. Cooke, where, in a detailed statement, he made plain how well Couch had kept secret the existence of the woman prisoner. This statement was made by the physician in the presence of a correspondent for the Post-Dispatch.

Woman Calls a Doctor.
"For some time," he began, "I had been treating Mel for heart trouble, but last week it developed into hardening of the arteries. He came to me on Thursday and complained of pain. At times, it was very acute, he said, but I did not believe there was immediate danger, although he was a man of 66."

"Early Sunday morning a woman I had never seen before came to my door and asked me to go to Mel Couch's office in the Masonic Temple building. She said Mel was dead. I was astounded and went to the office at once."

"There, on the couch, lay Mel, dead, the woman standing over him. At first I did not ask her questions. Then, when I saw she proposed remaining, I said to her:

"Who are you, to be here at this time? I pushed her out into the hall, shutting the door behind her. She quickly opened the door and said:

"I can't go away from here. Oh, please don't make me go away. It would be a scandal. Mel would want me to stay if he only could know, and, besides, all my clothes are in that room."

"The woman spoke in a whisper that I could hardly hear. I leaned over and asked her to speak louder. She walked to the door of a room to which she had pointed when she spoke of her clothes and opened it. I then realized that Mel Couch had a dark secret in his life."

"It quickly came over me that I must do all in my power to save this woman's reputation and to keep secret Mel's life with her. I determined upon desperate measures."

"Get in That Room."
"Get in that room," I ordered her, and as she went into the room I heard her lock the door from the inside. Then, leaving the body in the room, I went to the street to call Mrs. Couch and Miss Louise. I told them that Mel was dead in his office."

"Coming back with Mrs. Couch and Louise, I hurried ahead of them and ran up the stairs to Mel's office. I knocked three times and the door was opened by the woman, who at once returned to the sofa where the body lay. I said to her: 'Mel's wife and daughter are coming. You keep quiet.' The woman again went to the room and locked the door."

"I had an urgent call to a patient and told Mrs. Couch that I would have to drive miles in the country, but soon would be back. I knew the woman was in that room, but thought no one would discover her. I hoped on my return to smuggle her out of the building and get her away from Monticello."

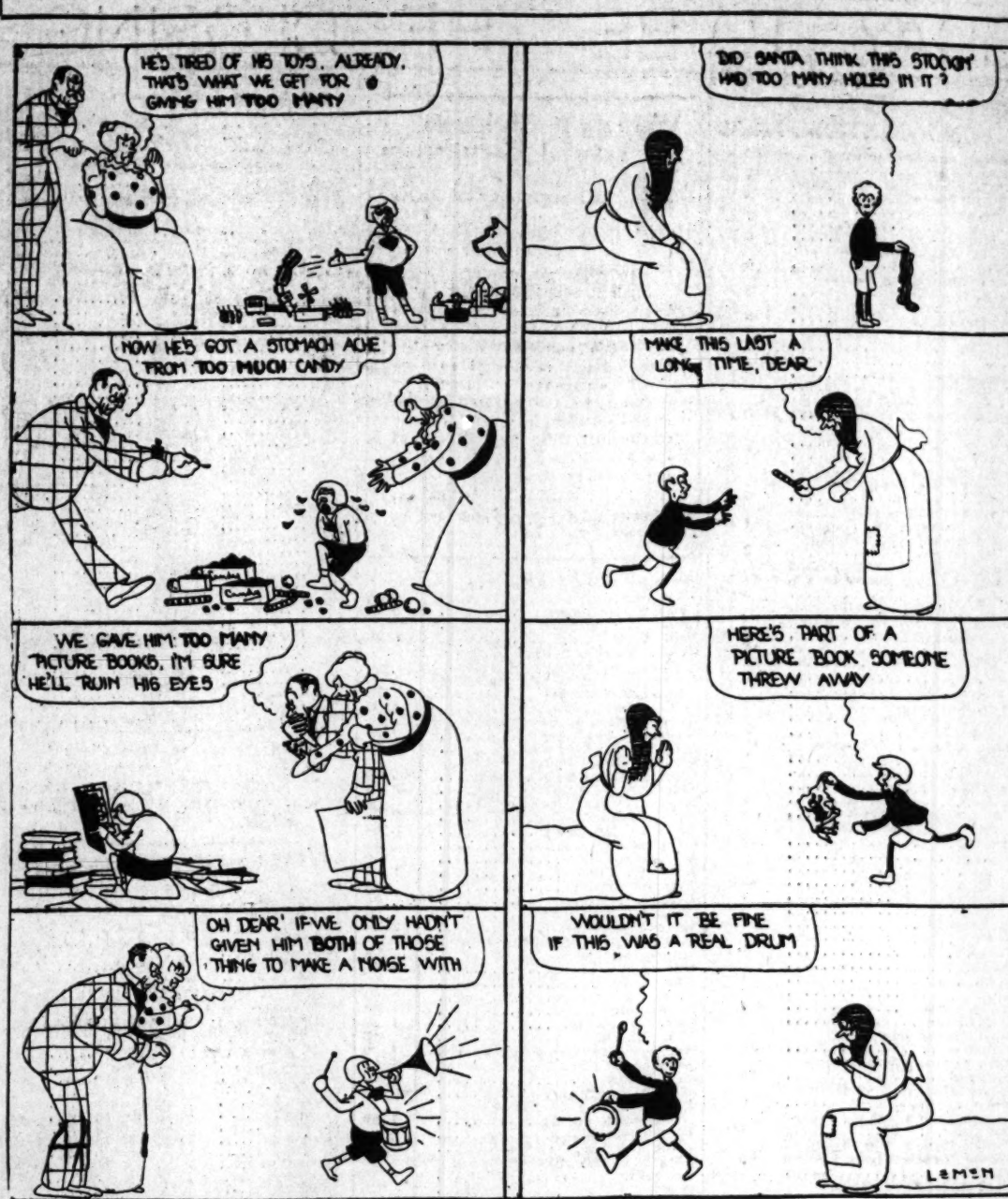
How Mrs. Couch, after the arrival of Sheriff Kinzie, insisted on knowing what was in the mysterious next room to her husband's office, into which she had never been allowed to look, and how the Sheriff, through the transom, saw the crouching figure of Miss Branch, has been told.

In continuing his statement, Dr. Curtell said: "It was some time after 7 o'clock when I left the Masonic Building and about three hours later when I returned. Again I went to Mel's office and knocked three times, calling out, 'This is the doctor.'

Woman Talks in Whispers.
"The door was opened and I was thunderstruck. In the room stood Mrs. Couch and Miss Louise. The woman was seated at a table and was talking in a whisper. I heard her say to Mrs. Couch as she leaned toward Mel's body: 'You may be his wife in the eyes of the law, but I am his wife in the eyes of God.'

"Look at this cell. I have been his willing prisoner in this room for three years. Would a man's wife live in these close quarters? Would she sacrifice her life to administer to a lame man, dress the wounds of his foot and be his slave for love of him?"

Too Much and Too Little



HE'S TIRED OF HIS JOB, ALREADY. THAT'S WHAT WE GET FOR GIVING HIM TOO MUCH.

HOW HE'S GOT A STOMACH ACHIE FROM TOO MUCH CANDY.

WE GAVE HIM TOO MANY PICTURE BOOKS, I'M SURE HE'LL RUN HIS EYES.

OH DEAR! I'VE ONLY HAD ONE GIVEN HIM BOTH OF THOSE THINGS TO MAKE A NOISE WITH.

WOULDN'T IT BE FINE IF THIS WAS A REAL DRUM.

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room of the jail where Miss Branch is confined.

Justice of the Peace Kenneth D. Liven, who held the hearing, decided there was no evidence to warrant further detention of Miss Branch on the petty larceny charge. He dismissed the case, but Kinzie took the law into his own hands. He talked with Miss Branch and she said to him and Under-Sheriff Hall:

"Give me poison. Please give me poison. Let me go where he is and die."

"I'm not going to let her go until this town is free of photographers and reporters from New York newspapers," said Kinzie. "She might tell too much of her private life with Mr. Couch."

He told her she would continue to be his prisoner.

About dawn this morning Under-Sheriff Hall ran from the jail to the home of Mrs. Andrew Gunn, a trained nurse, and a few minutes later he and Mrs. Gunn returned to the jail. They were followed by Dr. J. A. Cauters, the Coroner and jail physician. So nervous was Miss Branch that it became necessary to give her opiates.

After the funeral, Miss Branch, talking with the Sheriff and Assemblyman-elect Smith, made her first detailed statement. She had not seen any reporters except in the presence of the Sheriff, and the latter said that any statement purporting to have come from her had been given by a third person. In her statement she said:

"My name is Adelaide M. Branch. I was born in Hardwick, near Coopers-town, N. Y., where my brother now lives. He told me he was away in some other county on law cases, and I was left alone."

"Every evening I would find a thin woman on Mel's foot as a slave would, she continued, referring to the tubercular condition of the foot which for two months has suppurated so much that he could only get about on crutches. "During the day I would hear him talking with his clients in the office, giving them advice and often money when they were away in some other county on law cases, and I was left alone."

"Now, I'll tell you why I can no longer talk above a whisper. In all these years that I have been with Mel there has never been an hour of the night or day that we were not afraid I would be discovered in the room adjoining his office. We trained ourselves to talk in whispers always. In all this time I never have raised my voice. The consequence is that I have lost my voice entirely."

"I did all to save Mel and his family from scandal and I would do it again to save them. I always knew I could never be more to Mel than I was because he was married."

It was learned today that Couch kept the little room where the woman lived stocked with food and water. John H. Smith, who had known Couch 25 years and lived in the front of the Masonic Temple Building, said:

"Mel Couch and I often gave food to each other and we spent much of the time together. Never until I was called into his office after his death, did I know of the existence of that woman. "If I didn't know no one in this town could possibly have known."

Oakes Christmas Candy.
2 lbs. 40c Candles, \$1. 612 Locust st.

Receptive Sweets.
Three pounds finest assorted candies, \$1.00, at Ibsen's, 512 Olive.

62 Perish in German Storms.
HAMBURG, Dec. 24.—Severe storms for the last two weeks have done great damage to shipping at Elbe ports. Fifty-two lives have been lost according to latest advices but the reports are not yet complete.

Coal Dealer Choked, Robbed.
While Harvey W. Smith, 62 years old was building a fire in his coal office, 3335 Beacon avenue, at 6 p. m., Tuesday, two young men slipped up behind him, choked him, threw him across his bed and robbed him of \$1. The police later arrested a suspect.

PERRY: Will be delighted with a diamond for Christmas. You can get credit at Lefty's, 1000 Olive St. Open tonight and tomorrow—Christmas.

1000 Free Mince Pies.
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INCORPORATED MAN IS TO GIVE FRIENDS EARNINGS FOR YEAR

NEW YORK, Dec. 24.—Wells Hawks, one time newspaper man, another time press agent, and all the time writer of interesting tales, has been incorporated by his friends, who have taken "shares of faith" in his ability to make good.

The story of the formation of "Wells Hawks (Inc.)," which came today with the return of the incorporation papers from Albany, is one of the strangest in the annals of Broadway and Park Row. A year ago Hawks suffered a severe nervous breakdown. He had been press agent for the Ringling Brothers Circus, but was unable to continue work and was sent to a sanitarium. His recovery has been slow.

Before his illness he was a voluminous writer of articles and short stories. His friends believe he is capable of doing better work if relieved of the financial worries incident to his long incapacity. With this idea in mind, 100 friends subscribed to one share each of the stock of Wells Hawks (Inc.) with a capital of \$1000. This capital will be spent in keeping Hawks at Towson, Md., near Baltimore, where he will devote a year to literary work.

The stockholders believe he will turn out marketable material worth many times the \$1000 subscribed and they will reap a profit.

Arthur W. Hawks Jr., his brother, and Wilbur F. Coyle, city librarian of Baltimore, left New York with Hawks. They explained that from time to time directors of the corporation would forward sufficient funds to Hawks to meet expenses.

On the board of directors are Glenmore Davis of New York, Halley Crawford Murhead of Brookline, Mass.; William K. Semple of New York, Lucille Rogers Kleinbeck of Washington, Wm. J. Jones of New York.

WOMAN CAPTURES PURSE THIEF IN CHASE IN ALLEY

Thieves directed their attention to women Tuesday night. A negro purse-snatcher was captured by a woman in the Carr Street District and a highwayman felled a woman with a blow on Sixteenth street.

Mrs. Helen Imelerowicz of 1832 Madison street, accompanied by her brother-in-law, William Szarymsky of 1529 North Ninth street, was walking along Franklin avenue, between Tenth and Eleventh streets, shortly after 9 p. m., when a young negro snatched her hand bag containing \$6 and a watch and ran south through an alley.

Mrs. Imelerowicz chased the robber and captured him when he tripped over an abandoned bed-spring in the rear of 84 North Eleventh street. He dropped the bag and the money was scattered about the ground.

A crowd, attracted by the screams of Mrs. Imelerowicz, gathered, and when she got her money together she found she was \$9 shy. The negro was taken to the Carr Street Station to be held for possible identification by other victims of purse-snatchers. He said he was William Perkins, 15 years old, of Thirteenth and Gay streets.

About an hour earlier Mrs. Ida Coyle of 1408 Blair avenue was knocked down by a negro whom she was chasing after he had robbed her of her purse containing \$17 at Sixteenth street and Franklin avenue. Mrs. Coyle was at the robber's heels and about to grab his coat sleeve when he turned and struck her in the face. She fell and he escaped.

Mrs. G. A. Buhle of 5337 North Market street was robbed of a mesh bag containing \$1.80, some Christmas seals and a handkerchief, as she was walking past 5845 Easton avenue shortly after 10 p. m. The robber, a white man, escaped by running across a vacant lot and through an alley.

Mrs. Marie Schick of Pueblo, Colo., passing through St. Louis on her way to Belleville, was robbed of \$20 while purchasing transportation at Union Station shortly before 8 p. m.

Burglar Escapes Under Fire.
A negro burglar who stole two pairs of shoes from the shoe window of Sam Cohn's store at 332 Market street at 2 a. m. Wednesday was shot at four times by a patrolman. The negro escaped but dropped the stolen shoes.

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MRS. YOUNG LIKELY TO RESUME PLACE AT SCHOOLS' HEAD

By Associated Press. CHICAGO, Dec. 24.—Although she did not receive the unanimous vote of the members of the Board of Education when she was reinstated yesterday as Superintendent of Chicago Schools, Mrs. Ella Flagg Young will accept the reelection, according to the understanding of Mayor Harrison and Peter Reinberg, President of the Board.

At the annual meeting of the board two weeks ago Mrs. Young refused to stand for reelection after she was not chosen on the first ballot. She said at that time she did not want the position unless she could have the undivided support of the board members.

At present Mrs. Young is resting at Tryon, N. C. She is expected to return to Chicago and resume her duties as head of the schools soon after the first of the year. John D. Shoop, who was elected superintendent to succeed Mrs. Young, will continue as the school head in the capacity of assistant superintendent until her return.

By the action of the board yesterday Shoop may retain his old position as Mrs. Young's assistant, but it is not known whether he will accept. He said his case was in the hands of his attorney.

Members of the board whose resignations were accepted two weeks ago, after Mrs. Young was not re-elected and who refused to vacate their seats at yesterday's meeting in favor of new members appointed by Mayor Harrison, will contest the election in an effort to retain Shoop in the position of superintendent.

ENGLAND'S POET LAUREATE WRITES ON 'CHRISTMAS EVE'

Robert Bridges' Verses Appear in the London Times at Express Desire of King George and Queen Mary.

LONDON, Dec. 24.—A poem entitled "Christmas Eve," by Robert Bridges, Great Britain's poet laureate, appears in the Times today by their majesties' express desire. The poem has the subtitle "Fax Hominibus Bonae Voluntatis."

The Times points out that Dr. Bridges has assumed the function of "versification regis," an office at least as old as the Plantagenets and several centuries older than that of poet laureate. Like the original versificator, the poet laureate has availed himself of the privilege of addressing the monarch not on a state occasion, but for a Christmas festival.

The poem is as follows: A frosty Christmas eve, when the stars were shining, Fared I forth alone, where westward falls the hill, And from many a village in the watered valley Distant music reached me, peals of bells ringing; The constellated sounds ran sprinkling on earth's floor, As the dark vault above with stars was spangled o'er.

Then sped my thought to keep that first Christmas of all, When the shepherds, watching by their folds ere the dawn, Heard music in the fields, and, marvel-

ing, could not tell Whether it were angels or the bright stars singing.

Now, blessed be the towers that crown England so fair, That stand up strong in prayer unto God for our souls; Blessed be their founders, said I, and our country folk, Who are ringing for Christ in the beffries tonight, With arms lifted to clutch the rattling ropes that race Into the dark above, and the mad romping din.

But to me, heard after, it was heavenly music, Angel's song; comforting as the comfort of Christ, When he spake to his sorrowful flock, The old words came to me, by the riches of time, Mellowed and transfigured, as I stood on the hill, Harkening in the aspect of the eternal silence.

The poem is cast in the form adopted by the first recorded predecessor of the laureate in 1340, namely, Germanic rhythm, based upon alliteration and a central pause, the most familiar illustration of which is in "The Vision of Piers Plowman."

MORE ADVENTURES OF "OPERATIVE 16" IN EAST ST. LOUIS

Concluding Chapters by Mayor Chamberlin's Gossip Detective Read to Council.

SYNOPSIS OF PREVIOUS INSTALLMENT.

Operative 16, private detective, employed by Mayor Chamberlin of East St. Louis to pick up loose ends of the case of the stolen safe, was called to the Mayor's office to follow up on an old case. He had been told that the safe was in the hands of the Mayor's office, but he knew which one to investigate first. So he went to the Mayor's office and after much research, got into a scrape with the Mayor's office. He was told that the safe was in the hands of the Mayor's office, but he knew which one to investigate first. So he went to the Mayor's office and after much research, got into a scrape with the Mayor's office.

The East St. Louis Council sat from 8:17 to 10:55 p. m., Tuesday, listening to the reading of the last 48 pages of the report of Operative 16, who was called to the Mayor's office in the course of the hearing was B. F. Hargrave. Operative 16 was on the latter part of the job with him, and he got just as many earfuls of gossip as did the Mayor.

But amid the thousands of words of loose chatter read to the Councilmen and to a crowded gallery, there appeared to be nothing that a grand jury could use. The whole report was read to the City Court grand jury several weeks ago, and witnesses were summoned in connection with some parts of it, but no part of the inquiry has appeared. Most of the report was a transcript of the idle remarks of unnamed persons of doubtful sobriety.

Strikes Warm Trail. Once "22" struck a warm trail. He was told that a negro known as John Tucker, or Mansfield, had seen the theft of the books from the Comptroller's office. He hunted for the negro, but learned that he had left the city. He followed him to Venice and to other nearby places, but could learn only that he was supposed to have departed for "Cairo or Paduky."

Again the suspicion was aroused that "22" might have been a better hand at games of chance than he was at the time "16" got into a game he reported a loss of money and put it on his expense account. But "22" told how, Oct. 1 last, he got into a game of "hearts," and said nothing about any loss. Neither did he mention any winnings.

In one place, "22" said, he found the proprietor of a poker game wearing a police badge and carrying a gun.

"Honest Mike" Feced. Sept. 19 last, "22" said, one of his barroom acquaintances told him Mayor Chamberlin was going to "throw the town wide open" as soon as the grand jury should adjourn. This item afforded much amusement to the Mayor.

"Honest Mike" Kenley, a veteran policeman, did not take so kindly to some references which were made to him in the chronicle of crossways tattle. He arose and interrupted the reading by denouncing his anonymous detractor as a prevaricator, worthy of perdition. Chief Payne quieted him in two such outbursts.

Gave Brichler "Four Funerals." Alderman Claus Tietje also offered objections to the way in which his name was used in the report. He pointed out that he was ill with typhoid fever during the period of the investigation, and said the detective's report had been used as a club, in the effort to whip him into line to support the Mayor in the appointment of Brichler as Police Commissioner. Tietje thought this was unkind on Brichler's part, saying he had "given four funerals" to Brichler, who is in the lively and undertaking business, and had sent a horse to his place to board.

Both "16" and "22" had something to say about the admission of women to barrooms, and the sale of liquor at times outside legal hours. Once, "22" said, he went into a cafe, and a plate, a knife and a fork, were placed before him, with no food, and a drink was then served to him.

"Like Joe Folk Did." The names of State's Attorney Webb, the Mayor, Chief of Police Payne, Sheriff Mulonevsky and Police Commissioner Roe and Shannon, whom the Mayor is trying to depose, appeared in all sorts of combinations in the chatter recorded by the two investigators. Several persons told "16" and "22" that Webb and Mulonevsky had buried the hatchet, and one said their friendship dated from the killing of a man named Rogers, in a raid in "The Valley."

Somebody told one of the detectives that Webb was "trying to make a name for himself on the East Side, like Joe Folk did in St. Louis," and this was duly placed in the report.

Commissioners Removed. A half hour before the reading of the report was finished the Council, by a vote of 11 to 4, adopted a resolution condemning it as "gossip gathered by irresponsible individuals" and a "garbled and tortured statement of facts." Aldermen Hahn, Spiesbach, Rebhan and Short voted against the resolution. Barney Williams, who was mentioned as a witness to a number of the statements in the report, was permitted to state to the Council, under oath, that the part relative to himself was wholly untrue.

Tom Webb, who was mentioned in the first installment of the report as having drunk a highball at a hotel bar Sept. 7, presented an extended alibi, to which he called on the Mayor and City Clerk Griffin to witness.

After the City Clerk and his assistant, both hoarse as crows, had finished the reading, and the personal statements in rebuttal had been heard, the Mayor for the eighth time removed Police Commissioners Roe and Shannon from office, and the Council for the eighth time reinstated them. The Mayor says he will remove them again.

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EDITOR LOSES LIBEL SUIT

Action of Saloon Organ Publisher Against Minister Is Dismissed.

The Rev. U. G. Robinson of 3301 Sullivan avenue, editor of the National Issue, a "dry" organ, has been notified that the libel suit brought against him by William E. Johnson, editor of the American Issue, an Anti-Saloon League organ, has been dismissed in the Circuit Court in Indianapolis. The dismissal was on the order of Judge Remser, who upheld a demurrer filed by Robinson's lawyer, to the effect that a sufficient cause for action had not been shown. In the suit Johnson had charged that he was disgraced and humiliated by an article printed in Robinson's publication.

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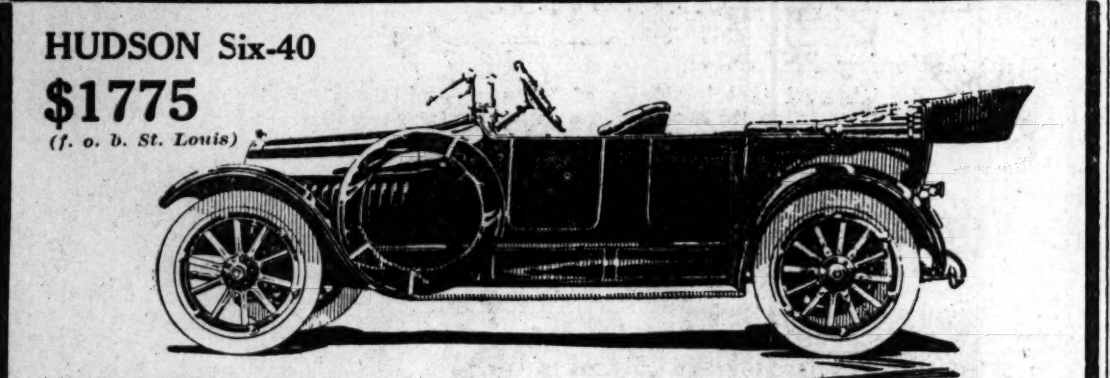
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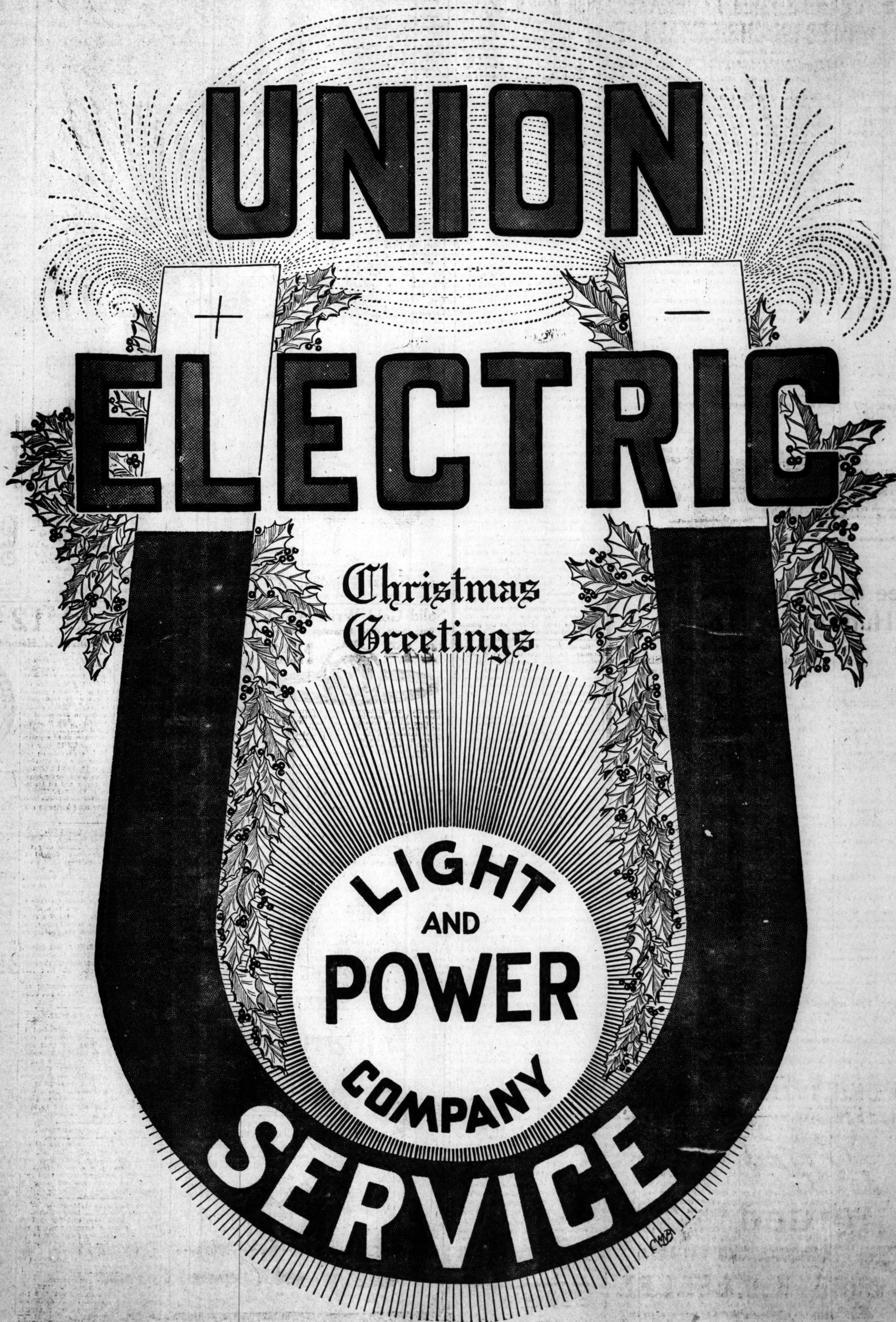
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LETTERS FROM THE PEOPLE

Counselor Baird and the Bill Boards.

To the Editor of the Post-Dispatch.
I have noticed with deep regret during the past few days editorial comment in some of the newspapers on the position taken by the City Counselor in the matter of the pending "billboard" ordinances, so-called. These comments have often been severely critical, and in some instances, seemed by fair interpretation to contain allegations that he was influenced by corrupt motives. I regret extremely that in the heat of the battle which we have waged against the billboard evil, in which battle the newspapers have generally done such good work in the public interest, such incautious and unjust statements should have been made. I have known Mr. Baird—the City Counselor, for many years. He is a gentleman of the greatest moral sensitiveness, entirely devoted to the interests entrusted to his charge, and any suggestion that he has been swayed by improper motives in his conduct of the "billboard" matter is grossly untrue and entirely unwarranted.

If I am correctly informed, Mr. Baird desired to avoid the hazard of further litigation on the injunction suit then pending on appeal in the Supreme Court of the United States and to insure to the city the certainty of the constitutionality of the ordinance at a delay of a date as possible. His conclusion that a delay of one month in the enforcement of the ordinance was a reasonable concession on the city's part in return for the dismissal of the appeal, may, like any and all matters of human judgment, be fairly criticized. But that he was influenced in his judgment by unworthy motives, is an unfair and unjust accusation.

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To the Editor of the Post-Dispatch.
There are two ways to help eliminate crime, i. e., industrial justice and personal tenderness. "For all the vilest of the race Have within their hearts some latent sparks of grace, Nor vain the hope, nor mad the attempt to raise These latent sparks to virtue's purer blaze." VIRGIL M.

"Good Fellow."

To the Editor of the Post-Dispatch.
I happen to know the Kentuckian who has just written these words:
"The most selfish creature I ever saw is the 'good-fellow' in a saloon, who disgusts you with his hypocrisy. 'What are you going to have?' One of the things that I thank God for is this: I am not habitually a drinker. I go for months and months, and have gone for years, without alcohol passing my lips, but it does me good sometimes to go into a saloon where these chaps are congregated, reject their overtures and condemn their invitations, walk up to the counter, call for my drink, swallow it standing, pay for it and walk out."

The writer is sincere and truthful. Let the "good fellow" ponder the Kentuckian's words and "cut out" a foolish custom. LOUISVILLE.

Late Comers at Concerts.

To the Editor of the Post-Dispatch.
We admire Mr. Max Zach for making the latecomers wait Saturday night during the first movement of the first number. He should have made them wait through the entire piece, as it is very annoying to us who are on time to be bothered by these slow, poky late arrivals. We people who live ten miles away, get there on time, rain or shine, so can they. No modern conductor allows his audience to be disturbed by late comers. We did not approve of Zach drawing the curtain on the De Bachmann, but bless him for keeping quiet. J. SMITH.

The Profit on Meats.

To the Editor of the Post-Dispatch.
In your issue of today prices for beef at the National Stock Yards are quoted at \$7 per 100 pounds. The price asked and obtained by the retailers are 17 1/2 to 22 cents for the ordinary cuts of beef. The Stock Yards quotations and the retailers' prices on hogs are in about the same outrageous ratio. The original producer of livestock is obtaining no more for his animals than he did years ago when the retail price was 23 1/2 to 25 cents lower than it is now.
The retailers buy direct from the Stock Yards packers, only two profits from farmer to consumer and only one from the pasture to the block. It would seem to be an easy thing for one of your keen reporters to follow a steer from the yard to the meat market and get a reliable answer to this question: Who gets over 100 per cent profit on beef, and why?
Let's give this high price of living another opportunity to "explain." GEO. S. WEBER.

THE "FRIENDLY RECEIVERSHIP."

Assurance that the application for the Frisco receivership last May was only a "friendly proceeding" comes in the authoritative form of a statement by Henry S. Priest before Judge Sanborn.

Such "friendly" proceedings are the ground of one of the most righteous of the public's grievances. The receivers named in consequence of them are almost invariably too "friendly." Frightened railroad wreckers, struggling against the exposure of colossal financial crimes, always try to get the ear of the Judge first. Too often they seem successful in implanting early views which subsequent protest from other interests is powerless to remove.

The coup having been planned in secret, legitimate investors have no time to prepare an adequate showing in their own behalf. On the experts showing of the wreckers, men in sympathy with them, perhaps their active partisans, are selected as receivers. The greatest possible maximum in leniency toward past malfeasances is assured. Information reflecting on the old, discredited management is never given voluntarily. The wreckers continue to rule the properties they have ruined, though by proxy instead of in person.

A change that will place the appointment of railroad receivers in the hands of the Interstate Commerce Commission, instead of the courts, is regarded by many as an even more important reform than valuation of railroad property or supervision of railroad securities. In some states insolvent banks pass automatically to the charge of the State Banking Department. The enormous fees of the judicial receivership system are avoided. The affairs of the broken institution are wound up by disinterested experts with a technical knowledge of the business. A reasonable guarantee is afforded that the square deal will be approximated in the final adjustment. The Interstate Commerce body may with as much propriety take charge of insolvent railroads.

A sick railroad presents a serious case. Why should recovery be jeopardized by the quick practice of "friendly" judicial receiverships when, attached to the commission, are some of the most skillful experts in the country, whose services may be made available? A railroad "run as the Interstate Commerce Commission would run it" would have some object lessons of value for the people. The commission itself would profit by the chance for constructive rather than destructive work.

In accidents like that on the Wabash at Montgomery City, casualties are becoming so slight as to be only a by-product. The chief product is more arguments for more steel rolling stock.

MRS. YOUNG'S REINSTATEMENT.

On the proposition whether Mrs. Ella Flagg Young shall be superseded as Superintendent of Schools, Chicago seems to be saying "I won't" with the same emphasis and stubbornness with which it is supposed to say "I will" on other propositions. The turmoil and shifting are not doing the schools any good, but if the issue is one of politics dominating the educational system, it might as well be fought out now as later. If the issue is one of Textbook Trust interference for the safeguarding of extortionate profits, the struggle has significance in a much broader territorial area than that included within the Chicago city limits.

The Textbook Trust may fancy that it is immune to wholesome Department of Justice discipline, but its turn is coming. There is room for it on the penitents' bench along with the other trusts that are trying to make their peace.

Presumably after the Billposters' Trust has been unscrambled, all that remains of it will look like a sample of cubist art.

CALLISTHENES AND THE OOP.

The policeman who wrote the Post-Dispatch about the rule requiring each member of the force to turn flip-flops in the department gymnasium twice a week, often on an empty stomach as well as on his own time, when he would much rather be catching up on lost sleep or getting acquainted with his family, made out a case that inspires involuntary sympathy. St. Louis wants well-set-up, well-groomed policemen. Rules like the one for gymnasium practice should not, however, be too rigid and should be capable of easy modification to meet constant variations in conditions. What under ordinary circumstances may be a diverting form of recreation may become, under other circumstances a great hardship, at least an intolerable bore. Athletes may be overtrained. Gymnasium practice after the exercise some policemen get for days at a time in the performance of duty may be excessive exercise.

The commissioners may remember that the policeman who walks a beat for hours in the open air in an alert and proper manner is engaged in a form of physical culture whose benefit to the entire muscular system is far from being equalled by whole series of the more artificial gymnastic exercise indoors. And as for the callisthenic value of intent concentration on the work of catching Union Station "con" men and West End thieves, the gymnasium simply has nothing that can touch it.

At Fort Smith, Ark., fresh eggs are being used as legal tender at the outrageous and decidedly not heaven-born ratio of 60 cents for 12 eggs.

THE CHILDREN'S FESTIVAL.

With the distribution of 2500 baskets of good things to so many homes, on Christmas Eve, practically every needy family in St. Louis will be able to give the children an early Christmas dinner Thursday, so that, when the doors of the Coliseum are opened at noon, on Christmas day, the children will be in a condition of mind and body to enjoy thoroughly the most splendid Children's Festival ever seen in St. Louis.

This arrangement is ideal for the children. Christmas dinner should be eaten at home. And what could rejoice a child's heart more than to know that, immediately after Christmas dinner, eaten in the home circle, the next step was to jump on a warm street car, with a free ticket, and hasten to the biggest hall in St. Louis where the biggest Christmas tree, laden with gifts, and the most entrancing show in town, were all ready for a whole afternoon's enjoyment. A real circus, with real animals, clowns and all the rest of the

big tent jollities, right in the middle of winter! What child could ask for more? And then the gifts! Gifts for the boys and girls for the girls. Santa Claus himself, with a host of helpers, doing his best to see that no boy or girl shall be overlooked.

It is a Festival well worth while. Every dime and dollar given towards making it a success will help to brighten youthful eyes and make children's hearts glad. Here's wishing every boy and girl at the Festival a Merry Christmas and many of them!

If a passenger who was charged too much for his fare can sue to get back his money, why cannot a stockholder who was charged too much for a "feeder" link in the system?

I. R. AND R. IN THE CHARTER.

The initiative at 5 per cent for regular elections and 10 per cent for special elections, the referendum at 10 per cent for regular and 15 per cent for special elections, and the recall at 20 per cent have been formally agreed upon by the Freeholders for inclusion in the new city charter when it shall be submitted to the voters for approval.

Percentages for the initiative and referendum are based on the vote last cast for Mayor; for the recall, 20 per cent of the total registered votes in two-thirds of the wards of the city is required. The percentages are reasonable. The requirement that 20 per cent of the voters in each of at least two-thirds of the city's wards shall sign a recall petition, is unreasonable.

It is to be regretted that the Freeholders failed, in this instance as in their provision for the nomination of the members of the Assembly, to act upon the idea—vital to short ballot government as the short ballot is vital to municipal efficiency—that St. Louis is not a group of wards but a city.

Each charter provision based on recognition of wards as political units is an unnecessary and injudicious concession to the ward politicians, from whose wasteful control progressive citizens of all parties wish the city government to be wrested.

The assumption that the people of St. Louis are politically less intelligent than the people of Cleveland or Dayton or Boston or any other city, or that they are less desirous for genuinely efficient, honest, economical government in their city hall, is not warranted by the facts. The new charter should make no concessions whatever to the professional politicians.

They make a lot of noise, but they are a negligible minority on any issue so vitally affecting the welfare of St. Louis.

While not included in the figures of the end-of-the-year dividend distribution printed on the financial page, the Post-Dispatch Christmas Festival is an enterprise in which the smallest investment is certain to earn sure and generous returns.

AN OBJECT LESSON IN CAPACITY.

The democracy needed just such a success in degree and kind as that won in the passage of the currency bill against opposition of a particularly virulent nature—a well-considered, constructive measure in a new and very difficult field of legislation.

"I have often felt," said President Wilson in signing it, "when the Democratic party was criticized as not knowing how to serve the business interests of the country, that there was no use in replying to that in words. The only satisfactory reply was in action."

A "reply in action" of a most formidable and convincing sort has just been given. With increased confidence and self-reliance the party is able to proceed to its further labors. One inevitable consequence of the striking demonstration must be an increasing trust on the part of the public not only in the capacity of the party to deal effectively with the problems of the people, but in its integrity of purpose and the freedom of its leaders up to this time from the unworthy influences that too often have shaped the course of important legislation at Washington.

During the long and remarkable session of Congress that has just come to an end, it has shown that it knows how to serve the business interests of the country and other interests. It has performed its work with industry, intelligence, fidelity to high ideals.

THE NATIONALIZING OF JUNK.

From the fact that the British Cabinet, when it nationalized the telephone lines last January, paid only \$12,470,000 for property for which the owners had asked \$16,519,771, it might be imagined that it got an excellent bargain. Figures printed by a financial publication, however, indicate that the official appraisal of the lines showed only \$10,470,000 worth of actual value. The courts which adjusted the terms of the sale added \$2,000,000 to represent various overhead charges and cost of financing.

What the Government got for this price was a prize collection of junk that might have value in a museum of telephone antiquities, but which, nationalized or unnationalized, is of small value in serving the public. Huge sums must be spent on reconstruction in the future. The company, never a very up-to-date corporation, got an idea years ago that some day the Government would buy it out. In consequence it let its property run down. American tourists can certify to the sad inadequacy of equipment and service.

The financial publication that has collated the figures adds that "there is, of course, no parallel between the physical assets of the Bell company and those of the English company." But there is a pretty close parallel between a large mileage of the telephone lines of this country, built many years ago, and these British telephone properties. And the parallel with Bell telephone equipment in many places is closer than Bell magnates would admit. What might be an appraised figure so far below the asking price as to indicate a good bargain, in the event that our Government takes over both lines, would probably be found later to take on more of the nature of an unloading onto Uncle Sam of much junk, along with some serviceable equipment.

The Government could reproduce both the telegraph and telephone lines of the country for a figure far below any sum it is likely to get them for.



"HONEST, MR. SANTY, I'VE BEEN A GOOD GIRL."

JUST A MINUTE.

Written for the Post-Dispatch by Clark McAdams.

GREAT PAN IS DEAD.
Great Pan is dead, that merry spirit.
The Democrats have killed him;
They stole upon him in the night,
And have forever stilled him.
Our Mr. Wilson hit him first
In all the leading dailies,
And then the rest of them all burst
Upon him with shillalahs.

For Pan, it seems, was well enough
Until it came to money.
And then his spirit became so rough
That no one thought it funny.
The panics which resulted from
His merry bugabooings
Put trade and commerce on the bum
And were his own undoing.

MR. SANTA CLAUS.
O, Santa Claus! Dear Santa Claus!
I want to write to you,
For fear you may forget my sled,
The drum and popgun, too;
And I want a little fire engine
To squirt the water high,
When sister's dollhouse gets on fire,
So those poor dolls won't die.

And sister wants a teaset,
And cupboard for her dishes,
And a table and about six chairs,
And some more dolls she wishes;
And brother who hasn't got so teeth,
He needs a rubber ring,
And rattle and a music box,
Cos he's going to learn to sing.

And papa needs a brand new coat,
And hat and slippers, too,
And he said he didn't know where to
get them,
So I am writing to you;
And mamma needs a nice warm dress,
To keep away the cold,
And a pretty, yellow finger ring,
All made of shiny gold.

Now, Santa Claus, don't you forget,
I live right down the street,
And I've put a ladder 'gainst the house
Just by the garden seat.
And Christmas eve I'll stay awake,
Past midnight clear till two,
Cos, Santa Claus, I'll tell the truth,
I want a look at you.

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The gunner looked up and down the tree, walked all around it, drew his sword and began cutting it. Inspecting the ash he had made, with the air of a sage the gunner at length delivered his long-expected verdict: "It's a wooden one, sir."—Pittsburgh Chronicle-Telegraph.

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BY THE WAY

By BURKE JENKINS.

CROUCHED into the closer embrace of the shadow and listened. The second-hand revolver ticked healthily. The horseman was approaching rapidly. The spot I had selected was a bit of the equestrian roadway where it flanks the reservoir. A bridge, spanning it at its point offered a kindly concealment from the moonlight, while the favoring pose of an arch gave me a vantage point from which to seize a bride, simple; but, I trusted, effective. The horseman checked to a walk as he approached my hiding place. "Get down!" With ease and grace the man slipped from the saddle. There was no suspicion of even suppressed excitement as he asked: "What's the trouble?" "Strained financial situation," I answered. "Oh, I see!" he replied lightly. "Shall I talk the situation over with you?" He studied him to see if he was fencing a time or planning some defense, his features, as I caught them instinctively in the moonlight, spoke nothing but a pleased and quickened interest in an encounter a little out of the ordinary. Money talks here, as elsewhere. I spoke audibly. "My argument is a good one of the best make." "Better and better," he murmured, though summing something up to himself. Then, in a clearer and somewhat changed tone in which rang a commanding note, he said: "I'm glad we met. It will prove to common advantage. Pocket your gun. We'll have supper together somewhere and talk things over afterward. I suppose you are hungry." I named a well-known but unpretentious cafe on the West Side, agreed most meekly to be there within an hour, and rode off.

THE SANDMAN STORY FOR TONIGHT BY MRS. FAWCER

EDDIE'S FAITH.

THE day before Christmas Eddie Fenton had worked hard doing errands for the grocer near where he lived. He was now hurrying late in the afternoon to tell his mother that he had earned 50 cents, and he also had an orange to give for his mother's sick. When he got into the room he found his mother lying on the bed, and she saw Eddie. The fire was out and there was no more fuel, and Eddie felt that he was crying about that and that she was sick. He ran to the stove for a bag of coal and soon had a burning. Then he fixed the orange his mother and said: "Do not cry more, mother; we have a nice fire and you read to me from the Bible. The prayer of faith shall save the sick, and the Lord shall raise him up, and he will take care of you, I am sure, he promised it."

"I am not thinking about myself," said his mother. "But tomorrow is Christmas and there will be no Christmas dinner for you and no presents. The tears rolled down her cheeks."

"Do not cry, mother," said Eddie. "I read you from the Bible; that always makes you feel happy. What shall I do?" he asked.

"Whatever you open to first," she replied. Eddie opened to a chapter in Matthew and after reading him he came to this verse, "And all ye whatsoever ye shall ask in prayer, believing, ye shall receive." Eddie opened reading.

"Why, mother," he said, "we need not worry about Christmas. We believe in prayer; why can't we pray? This verse is what we shall receive if we pray. His mother did not answer at first, then she said, "Yes, we can pray. I'll pray now," said Eddie, kneeling to the bed. "Dear Jesus," he began, "please look down upon my mother and help us to have a merry Christmas. Please make mother well and give us a turkey, all cooked, if you can. It would be very thankful. You have many to look out for I will not ask for any more. I thank you for tell-

Betty Vincent's Advice to Lovers

Man She Doesn't Love.
SUPPOSE a girl is engaged to Mr. A., but finds that she is really in love with Mr. B. She is uncertain whether Mr. B. cares for her, however. Should she give up Mr. A. when it is possible that she really loves may not ask to marry him?

There is no other honest thing for her to do. A woman has no right to marry a man for whom she does not love. She is laying up trouble for herself and for the man who is to be her husband. It is infinitely better to be unmarried than to marry for the wrong reason except love. The hypothetical case which I mentioned it is possible that the man never becomes the wife of Mr. B. Even so, she may remain to herself and her ideals of love and to wed at all. The sooner she breaks off with Mr. A. the better.

Matrimonial Objections.
A girl writes: "I am in love with a man who is 21 years old and whom I have known about four months. The man I was out with her she said her parents objected to my attention and that they would make her marry at home if she did not get up as she preferred another man. I didn't want her to get

into trouble on my account, and so I have not seen her since. Have I acted rightly?"

If the girl agreed with her parents you could only submit to her decision.

"W. W." writes: "I have seen a young lady nearly every morning for the past two weeks, and I want to make her acquaintance. Would it be all right to bow to her some morning?"

You must be introduced to her first.

"I. W." writes: "Is there any harm in persons over 20 playing games with kissing forfeits?"

No harm, necessarily, but the nicest people don't do it.

"S. B." writes: "Will you please tell me of an appropriate Christmas gift for a young lady whom I love dearly and who I know loves me?"

What is her special deal? I advise that your present should in some way suggest that.

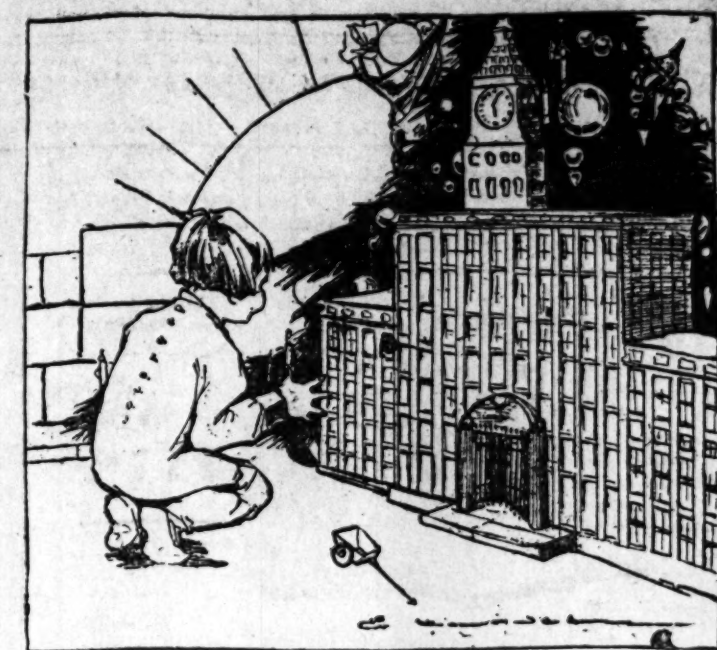
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TOYLAND MOVIES.

By Eleanor Schorer.
ARCTIC REGIONS, Dec. 1913. Only tiny crumpled nose need press against the pane of the toyland movie. The eyes look reproachfully at the falling snow or rain that keeps kiddles home when nurse has promised a treat at the moving pictures if the weather is good. All this has come about through the one jolly old man who knows and loves kiddles and strives to make them happy though Santa Claus's genius. Toyland gives us moving pictures at home. Little machines that Bobbie or Bessie can easily manage throw upon the screen amusing scenes and incidents of greatest interest to the little folks and prove a more successful way to entertain kiddles, who respond enthusiastically as the film rolls round and round to their great delight and satisfaction. Unfadingly popular shall be the boy or girl to whom Santa brings one of the latest picture machines. Toyland helpers have taken great pains



TOYLAND SKYSCRAPER.

to erect. They have bronze doors, doorknobs, windows, great stone pillars and tall chimneys. An electric light can be placed inside and gives a perfect effect of an office building at night. The windows show alive with twinkling light.

Tons and tons of steel are coming into Toyland every day to make the "American Model Builder," out of which the clever boy can rivet together the small pieces of steel and fashion them with such things as windmills, bridges, cars and trucks, which have steel wheels. The factories in which so many busy little workmen toil all day and even do overtime around this time of year, have turned out boats of every description by the hundreds. Especially wonderful are the great, dark gray Dreadnoughts, with mighty guns pointing from their sides, and black wicked smokestacks.

The prettiest tea sets have dainty flower designs decorating them. Cupboards, tables and chairs are mostly done in white enamel and some

Leaves from The Cookbook of President Wilson's Mother

THE cook book of President Wilson's mother was a manuscript volume of recipes, some invented by the elder Mrs. Wilson herself and some given her by friends who had local fame as cooks. The accompanying "leaves" (from this manuscript in Mrs. Wilson's clear old-fashioned handwriting) are now the property of the President's sister-in-law, Mrs. Joseph R. Wilson of Nashville, Tenn. Several of the recipes were prepared by the mother with their authors' names or with such bracketed comments as "Woodrow's Favorite," "Doctor's Favorite," etc., "Doctor" being the President's father.

Charlotte Russe.
(Woodrow's favorite.)
PUT into a kettle one ounce of gelatin, one quart of water, one-half pint of milk, one pound of sugar, yolks of four eggs and four spoons of the sugar. When the ingredients are well mixed pour them upon the yolks and scald them—stirring all the while; then strain it through a sieve and pour it while hot on the four whites, which must first be beaten to a froth. Stir it constantly. When it is cold, add a syllabub prepared as follows: One-half pint of cream, the remainder of the sugar. Churn it; then lay it upon a sieve so that all the milk may drain out. Stir constantly until cold.

Sponge Cake.
(Doctor's favorite.)
THREE eggs, one and one-half cups white sugar, one cup flour, well beaten together; take two-thirds of a teaspoon of cream of tartar and one-half teaspoon of soda dissolved in one-cup of milk (cold); then add another cup of flour and one teaspoon of essence of lemon.

Frosted Lemon Pie.
(Joseph's favorite.)
OILSTEN a tablespoon of cornstarch with a little cold water. MENT pour on boiling water sufficient to thicken it; while hot, put into this a cup of sugar, so as to melt it; add the beaten yolks of two eggs and the grated rind with the juice of a lemon. This will make one large pie. Bake with a bottom crust. Beat the whites of the eggs to a froth and add two tablespoons of sugar. When the pie is done spread the frosting over it and return to the oven.

Lemon Rice Pudding.
(Excellent, Annie's favorite.)
ASH four tablespoons of rice and boil it until soft; one quart of milk sweetened to taste, butter size of an egg. When nearly cold add the beaten yolks of four eggs and the grated rind of one lemon. To the beaten whites of the eggs add the juice of the lemon and four spoons of powdered sugar. Pour the batter into a pudding dish and spread the whites upon the top and bake until brown. To be eaten cold.

Cucumber Pickle.
(Mrs. Judge Wilson, the President's grandmother.)
AKE a pickle of salt water strong enough to bear an egg and then put the cucumbers into this; let them remain 30 days; then take them out and place them in a kettle, which must first be lined with cabbage or grape leaves. Layers of cucumbers and layers of leaves must then be put in alternately. Cover them with water

and place the kettle upon the fire and let it remain until it becomes as hot as you can bear your finger in it; continue this until the cucumbers become crisp and tender (five or six hours); then place them carefully in the jars. Put the vinegar in the kettle, throw some spice in and let it boil and pour it immediately over the cucumbers. Cover the jars and let them stand until morning; then pour off the vinegar and boil it again. Pour it over the cucumbers and before you close with cloths and alicepie. Cover the jars tightly and set away ready for use.

Queen of Puddings.
(Very nice, Marion's favorite.)
POUR a quart of hot milk over a pint of bread crumbs. While the milk is warm add to it a piece of butter about the size of a large hen's egg and the grated rind of a lemon. Beat up the yolks of four eggs with a tumbler of sugar and when the milk is thoroughly saturated with the bread pour it on the yolks. Put this butter into a bowl and let it remain in the oven until stiff (if the oven is too hot or not hot enough it will be watery). Take it out of the oven and spread a layer of jelly or preserves of some kind over the top. On the top of this spread the whites of four eggs, beaten until stiff, with four tablespoons of sugar and the juice of a lemon. Put back into the oven and let it bake until the top is pretty brown.

Fruit Cake.
(Anna R. White.)
ONE pound sugar, one pound butter, one and one-fourth pounds flour, one dozen eggs, large tumbler molasses, two pounds raisins, two pounds currants, one pound citron, one nutmeg, three tablespoons cinnamon, two tablespoons cloves, two tablespoons allspice, one-half teaspoon mace, prunes allspice, one-half teaspoon mace, prunes allspice, one-half teaspoon mace.

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Reflections of A Bachelor Girl

AFTER marriage a man's love is a great deal more likely to rust out than to wear out.

If any man ever SHOULD make love to a girl in a new way, so doubt she would feel like nailing a flag to him and going about waving him in triumph as a brand-new discovery.

When a man says reproachfully, "That seems so unlike YOU," he merely means, Dearie, that it seems so unlike the girl angel which he has made in your image and fastened to a pedestal.

Comfort is a relative thing, after all: to one man it means a motor-car, a yacht and vintage wine; while to another it is completely summed up in an old pair of slippers and the privilege of smoking 'round the house.

It's the "sunny side" of life which always attracts a man: a teary wife, a chilly wife or a stormy wife, like bad weather, invariably drives him off in search of a change of feminine atmosphere.

Love is that stage of paranoia in which a man can't eat, becomes incoherent in his speech, has a sinking sensation in the pit of his heart and is generally "given up" by his friends.

There are times in every modern woman's life when she has a primitive yearning to be grasped by the hair and ordered about. It would take so much responsibility off her shoulders.

Success in love consists not so much in marrying the one person who could make you happy as in escaping the many who could make you miserable.

Love always leaves a dent in the heart; and most men's hearts are as devoted as a peanut vender's pint measure—and hold about as much.

The only thing "eternal" about love is its eternal change.

An "understanding" between a man and a woman is a case in which the girl understands that the man doesn't intend to propose, but thinks that she can make him, and in which the man understands that she expects him to propose, but thinks that he can manage to escape.

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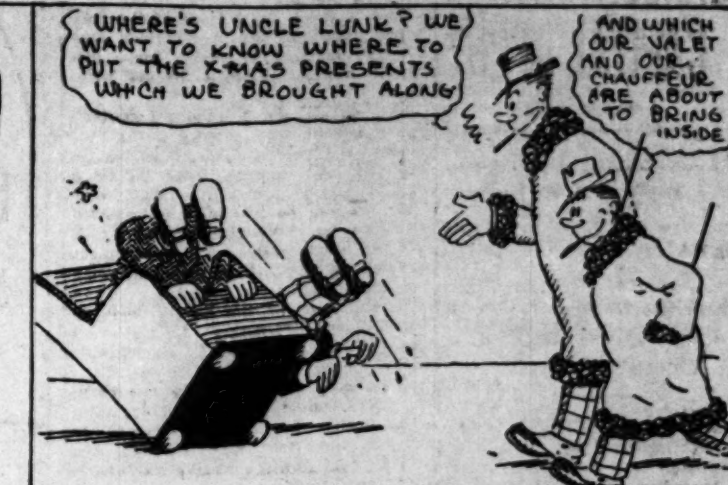
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By Jean Knott



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When he planned to meet him at the beginning of the sixth in the manner outlined. He timed the distance per-
 - rise, as Malone is known to be clever and a hard hitter, while no one seems to know much about Bick. That the latter


It and signaled me to stop the bout at the end of the fifth round, and I obeyed orders.

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1. Sewer Department, City Hall, N.

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E. C. McCorkle.	25	J. Helbert
J. H. H.	25	M. Shaw

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J. Angelo	25	H. Lauth	25
L. McFarland	25	F. Bronenkamp	25
J. Early	25		
W. J. Gaffney	25	Total	100

Consolidated Coal Co., List No. 65	
Cash	\$1 00 C. F. Reese
M. G. Mitchell	25 Total
\$1	
The Duce Adding Machine Co., 15	
Norman street, List No. 7466.	
V. S. Van Vane	10 H. W. Thurman
C. M.	10 O. R.
A. Seigel	10 Tammam
C. Bower	10 Kinast
C. Bender	10
G. Frohmann	25 L. Balenger
H.	10
P. S. Rumay	50 D. Thomas
R. Michael	10 O. Burke
J.	10
W. Follitt	10 C. Lange
C.	10
A. Duffy	90
J. O'Neil	10
F.	10
A. Dickmatt	10 H. E.
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A. Rebeberger	25	Total.....\$11
H. C. Cridwall	25	

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Jacob G. Stumpf	10	W. Sullivan	10
John Schmidt	10		
P. Abstein	10	Total	30

Vehicle Tires and Supply Co., 3474 Lin-	
dell avenue, List No. 8790.	
W. H. Clark	16John Peibach
D. Clark	16John Lyons
J. W. Clark	16
W. M. Love	16Maris Daffney
G. W. Pope	20Vehicle Tow
C. E. Wadsworth	20
L. Lasowich	1.00
S. J. Bell	.50
Wm. Adams	25 Total \$14.25

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To get into the "Farm to Table" column. Be a food producer or retailer, make your prices right—and you will be welcomed by the Post-Dispatch and the consumer throughout this great metropolis who are eager to down the high cost of living. See first column to day's WANT DIRECTORY.

Burglar Steals Cash Register
A \$50 cash register containing \$1,000 comprised the loot of a window-smashing burglar who ransacked the office of St. Louis Coca Co., 316 South Fourth street, Tuesday night.

See DEKREX, the Letter Man
For Mail Order List, etc. 10 CENTS

Man Robbed of Chauffeur's License.
George Smith of 1207 Grattan street was robbed of a chauffeur's license and \$25 as he sat in his car at Twelfth street Tuesday night.

